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SUBJECT: SUDAN STATEMENT ON OAU MEDIATION BETWEEN
SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA

REF: KHARTOUM 4354

1. SUDANGOV ISSUED STATEMENT DEC 21 REPORTING FAVORABLE
OUTCOME IN SIERRA LEONE OF OAU COMMITTEE MEDIATING BETWEEN
SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA. ACCORDING SUDANGOV, COMMITTEE ENDORSED
SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN
SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA AND BASIS OAU PRINCIPLES INCLUDING HALT TO
PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS AND RESUMPTION OF AIR SERVICE BETWEEN
TWO COUNTRIES.

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2. SUMMARIZING SUDAN POSITION, STATEMENT REPEATED MINSTATE
FONAFFS DENG'S TWO DECLARATIONS BEFORE MEETING IN WHICH
ERITREAN QUESTION WAS IDENTIFIED AS CORE ISSUE OF DISPUTE.
NIMEIRI'S READINESS TO MEDIATE BETWEEN ERITREANS AND
ETHIOPIANS WAS AGAIN DECLARED TO BE FRIENDLY ACT. DENG ALSO
POINTED TO DANGERS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA,

PARTICULARLY SOVIET PRESENCE IN HORN.

3. SUDANGOV STATEMENT CLAIMED MEDIATION COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED NECESSITY OF SETTLING POLITICAL ISSUES "WHICH ENDANGER PEACE AND SECURITY OF AREA". COMMITTEE ALSO, ACCORDING SUDANGOV, REJECTED AND DENOUNCED FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES AND IN DISPUTES AMONG THEM.

4. MEDIATION COMMITTEE DELEGATED PRESIDENT BONGO OF GABON TO CARRY ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESIDENTS OF SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA. SUDANGOV STATEMENT INCLUDES MUCH PRAISE OF PRESIDENT STEVENS OF SIERRA LEONE, SIMILAR TO PRAISE BESTOWED ON HIM IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. ACCORDING STATEMENT, STEVENS CHAIRED MEETING OF ETHIOPIAN AND SUDANESE DELEGATIONS AND WORKED EFFECTIVELY TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT. STATEMENT CONCLUDES: "DESPITE TOUGH ISSUES FACED BY COMMITTEE, IT WAS ABLE TO RECONCILE POINTS OF VIEW AND ISSUE IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEVELOP RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND SETTLE POLITICAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS." BERGUS

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